

When Jesus saw the vast crowd,
his heart was moved
with pity for them,
for they were like sheep
without a shepherd.

MARK 6:34

The feeding of the multitudes is one of the few stories that are told in all four gospels. It must have made an impact on the early disciples, as it has on us today. The story is about how Jesus fulfills humanity's need for food, but at a much deeper level it's also Jesus fulfilling humanity's most fundamental need beyond food.

By this time in the gospel Jesus has attracted such attention he can get no down time. Even when he and his disciples try to get away, the crowd flocks to them. Jesus meets the people, has compassion on them, and teaches them.

In Mark's gospel, by the end of the day, the disciples display an attitude familiar to us: these people will want something to eat. Is this our problem? Let's get this crowd on the road so they can fend for themselves. The disciples seem indignant at Jesus' command to feed the crowd. In response, Jesus takes the loaves and fishes and feeds the crowd in language that can certainly be described as Eucharistic. There are four hallmark verbs used in this story that are also used in our Eucharistic prayer: *took* loaves (bread), *blessed* and *broke* them, and *gave* them to the disciples. Jesus satisfies the deepest longings of the human spirit. In providing food, they ate and were satisfied. And there were leftovers! Jesus is an abundant giver. The cup runneth over.

This story echoes the prophet Elisha from 2 Kings 4:42-44, where Elisha commanded another man to give his twenty loaves and some grain to a hundred men. Not unlike the disciples, this man was incredulous that the few loaves would feed so many. But, in fact, all were fed and there was more left over. The gospel writers certainly had Elisha in mind when telling the story about Jesus. Some scholars believe Jesus himself had Elisha in mind when feeding the crowd. Perhaps for this reason Jesus was called a prophet by some of his contemporaries, for he acted as the prophets such as Elisha. Also, it is significant that in the story Jesus sees that the crowd was "like sheep without a shepherd" - the line is used frequently in the old Testament. The image invokes pastoral imagery rooted in Sacred Scripture. Jesus takes the role of shepherd of this flock, giving them sustenance by his teaching and the multiplication of loaves and fishes. (Living Liturgy, pp. 176)

Home Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the Summer at 6:30 pm

I am looking for host families, couples, or individuals to sponsor a home Mass and social time to follow. We will begin at 6:30 pm with Mass followed by a potluck lunch.

Hosts are asked to provide a table for an altar, a place to put dishes for potluck, and a beverage (lemonade/water). Individuals in the neighborhood or parish are asked to bring a dish to pass, a lawn chair, and utensils for eating.

No agenda, just prayer and social!

*Come away
by yourselves
and rest
a while*

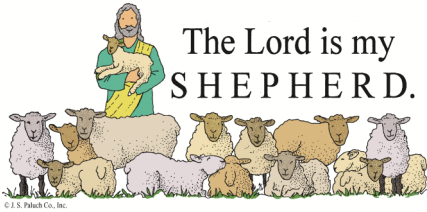


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Sixteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

JULY 18, 2021

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**The Sixteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up a righteous shoot to David.

— *Jeremiah 23:5a*

Readings for the Week

Mon: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42

Tue: Ex 14:21 — 15:1; Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17; Mt 12:46-50

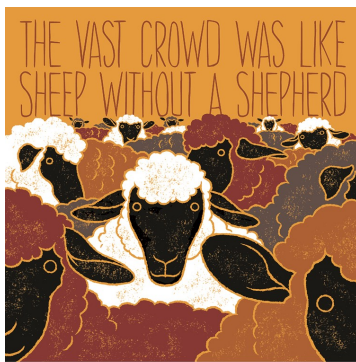
Wed: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Mt 13:1-9

Thu: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Fri: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23

Sat: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30

Sun: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15



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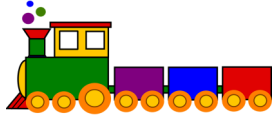
This Week's Area Worship Schedule

<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>INTENTION</u>
<i>Eucharistic Adoration: 5am on Monday until 5pm on Friday.</i>		
MONDAY, July 19 5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Virgil Vacek
TUESDAY, July 20 7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	
WEDNESDAY, July 21 5pm, Mass	St. Anastasia	Marie Nadle
THURSDAY, July 22 7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	+Robert Schmid
FRIDAY, July 23 7am, Mass	St. Anastasia	
SATURDAY, July 24 3pm, Confessions 4:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	
SUNDAY, July 25 7:30am, Mass 9:00am, Mass 10:30am, Mass 7:30pm, Mass	St. Anastasia St. Boniface St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	Eckstein Family For Our Parish Community

Calendar

TUESDAY, July 20 7pm, St A's Admin Council	St. Anastasia	hospitality area
WEDNESDAY, July 21 7pm, Youth Nite	St. Anastasia	
THURSDAY, July 22 10am, Card Ministry	St. Anastasia	
WEDNESDAY, July 28 7pm, Youth Nite	St. Anastasia	youth room
TUESDAY, August 3 7pm, School Advisory Committee	St. Anastasia	hospitality area
WEDNESDAY, August 4 7pm, Youth Nite 7:30pm, Knights of Columbus	St. Anastasia St. Anastasia	youth room cafeteria
WEDNESDAY, August 11 7pm, Youth Nite	St. Anastasia	youth room

**THE ROMAN CATHOLIC AREA FAITH COMMUNITY
OF ST. ANASTASIA & ST. BONIFACE**



Kids' Depot

At Kids' Depot, we strive to develop an active curiosity about the world in which the child

lives and to encourage an enthusiasm for learning while stimulating creativity and integrating Christian values. We have openings for the 2021-22 school year! If you'd like to learn more, call Michelle at 320-587-4760.

St. Anastasia School

It's never too late (or too early) to look at St. Anastasia School to see if it would be a good fit for your child (ren) and family. You are always welcome to come and take a look around the school and classrooms. Email Principal Betty Jodzio at principal@stanastasia.net to set up a tour. <https://www.stanastasia.net/elementary-school/> (link preview includes a picture of this year's K class)



Mark Your Calendars! Fall Festival 2021

We are thrilled to be able to gather again at our annual Fall Festival! Mark your calendars for Saturday, Sept 11 and Sunday, Sept 12 and plan on joining us for live entertainment, games, great food, a car show, the Country Store and more! We are always in need of volunteers to help us with setting up beforehand, during events throughout the weekend, and cleaning up at the end.

(Please keep in mind there will be remodeling work going on in the facility—our plans remain fluid as we work with the construction schedule.)

Czech Heritage Festival

30th Annual Czech Heritage Festival, featuring Mollie B, will be held on Sunday, August 8th in Bechyn, Minnesota. Polka Mass at 10:00 a.m. Pork Dinner served from 11:00 – 1:30. Afternoon entertainment, Ethnic food, Silent Auction, Beer Garden, Bingo, Children's Activities plus much more. Bechyn is located 10 miles northeast of Redwood Falls. Free Admission and Parking. Festival held rain or shine. For more info call 320.522.1218.

Renovations and Capital Campaign Update:

Construction plans complete: June 11
Bids for construction to be opened: July 13
Total construction timeline: July 19-October 15
Church Closed/Mass in Gym: July 19-August 27
Church open for weekend Mass:
August 27-October 15



Looking For A Cookbook

If you have an extra St A's Cookbook you would be willing to part with, please call Max at 320-345-0763. Your help is appreciated!

Family Help Needed

A family in our parish community is in need of some assistance. Mom in this family (mom, dad & three elementary aged children) is undergoing medical treatments that have left her unable to prepare meals for her family. If you can prepare a meal or two, drop it off at the parish office. A staff volunteer will deliver it to the family. Anything that can be kept refrigerated (or frozen) for a few days, heated and served will be greatly appreciated! If you can't help this week, perhaps next week (or the week after) it will be possible. **Many thanks to the people who have brought in meals, SCRIP grocery cards, snacks, etc. Your generosity is awe inspiring!** And—please—keep this young family in your prayers at this difficult time.

Job Openings

Administrative Assistant: St Anastasia Catholic Community seeks a full time Administrative Assistant with duties including bookkeeping, Human Resource, and general office duties. Prior experience in "best practice" accounting procedures, data entry, computer adaptability, personnel procedures, and working as a team member are required. Please send resume and letter of interest to pwolf@stanastasia.net.

St Anastasia School seeks a full time elementary teacher with a focus on music for the 2021/22 school year. This position includes additional instructional classroom responsibilities. Also seeking substitute teachers on an as needed basis. Please send resume and letter of interest to principal@stanastasia.net

FEAST OF FAITH

The Prayer Over the Offerings

In the liturgy of the 1570 Missal, this prayer was called the “secret” prayer. It was “secret” not because its content was mysterious, but because it was prayed in silence by the priest, who only recited the conclusion aloud: . . . *per omnia saecula saeculorum*. With the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, we again hear these rich prayers spoken aloud. They remind us to prepare ourselves for what is to happen in the Eucharistic Prayer, for it is not only the bread and wine that will be transformed.

The Prayer Over the Offerings is a prayer for transformation, an expression, in a few words, of all that we hope that the liturgy will accomplish in our lives. We ask God to accept the gifts we present, and to change us even as God hallows the bread and wine. As we listen carefully to the Prayer Over the Offerings, we are reminded of what it is that we seek in the Eucharist: to be made holy; to be drawn closer to God; to come to eternal joy, unity, peace, and salvation.

—Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

The Days Are Coming

Separation, isolation, and hostility are terrible things. We are, sadly, too familiar with all of them in our modern life, whether we look at world events or events in our own neighborhoods and families. All three readings today refer to these same sad human conditions.

The prophet Jeremiah describes world conditions as if the people of his time were sheep who had been scattered by poor leadership and corrupt shepherds. But “the days are coming,” he assures us (Jeremiah 23:5), when a new shepherd, a just king, will come. We meet that king in the second reading and the Gospel. Paul reminds us in the Letter to the Ephesians that all divisions can now cease in Christ Jesus, who has brought us together through his blood. In Mark’s Gospel we see Jesus himself, looking with pity on those searching for him as if they were sheep without a shepherd.

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St Mary Magdalene

St Mary Magdalene had the honor to be the first witness to the Lord’s resurrection, the first who saw the empty tomb and the first to hear the truth about his resurrection.

Often referred to as “the apostle to the apostles” St Mary Magdalene remains an example of great love and great forgiveness, a witness to God’s great love for humans.

Meals on Wheels

The Hutchinson Area Meals on Wheels program delivering meals out of Hutchinson Hospital is in need of volunteer drivers. It takes about one hour and each driver is only asked to deliver meals once per month. If you can help, please call Dee Powell at 587-6067. Your help will be greatly appreciated.



School Supply Collection

Common cup Ministry is coordinating a School Supply drive to help students in need

begin the school year with all the necessary supplies for their grade. St A’s is asked to contribute 20 backpacks, 50 #2 pencils (24 ct packages) 100 large pink eraser and 35 Prang water colors. Please drop off your donation in the Common Cup Tub in the entry way. Thank you for your generosity! We will collect thru August 6.

In July we will be collecting diapers sizes 4, 5, 6 and pullups to resupply Common Cup’s diaper give away for needy families. Keep an eye out for sales!



Youth Activities

Share the Glory: Birthright Rochester

We will be collecting baby products including diapers, bibs, bottles, and more at Steubenville Rochester! (Check Birthright's [wish list](#)) Birthright is an organization that helps women with unplanned pregnancies. This inspiring organization ensures women never feel alone during their pregnancy.

The young people of our parish attending Steubenville this month are asking for your help in collecting goods for Birthright. Your donations can be dropped off in the hospitality area.

Items most requested include: diapers (preemie—6), baby wipes (hard plastic containers please), baby lotion, baby shampoo, teething toys, towels, bibs, bottles, baby books, outlet covers, blankets and wash cloths.



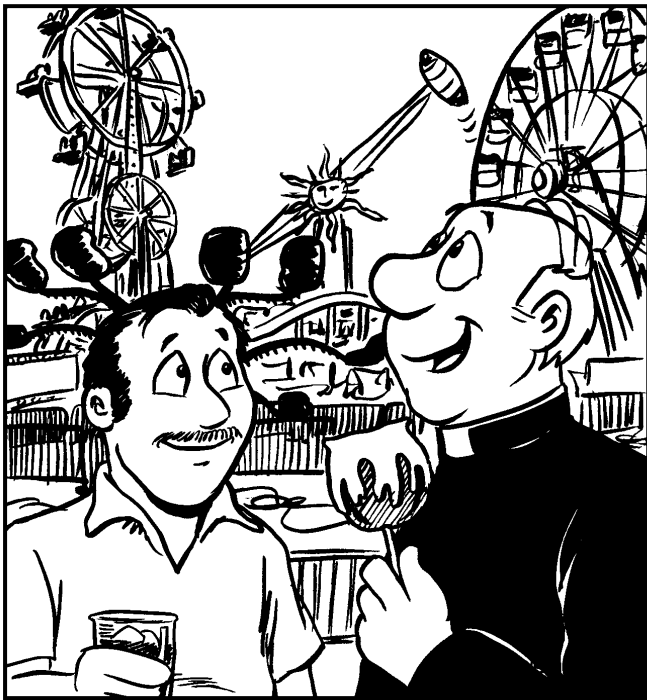
Steubenville

Our high school students are getting excited for Steubenville in July! This weekend-long conference gives students the opportunity to learn from knowledgeable speakers, worship with live music, attend daily mass, celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, experience a powerful adoration time, and so much more. Please pray for our students and chaperones that they may grow in their relationship with Jesus during this conference.



For Fun

Pastor Al®



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“Go on a ride to get dizzy, dazed and confused? I can feel that way by merely reviewing the parish budget.”



Letters from Heaven



Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

When Jesus saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep ...

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Answer: *without a shepherd*

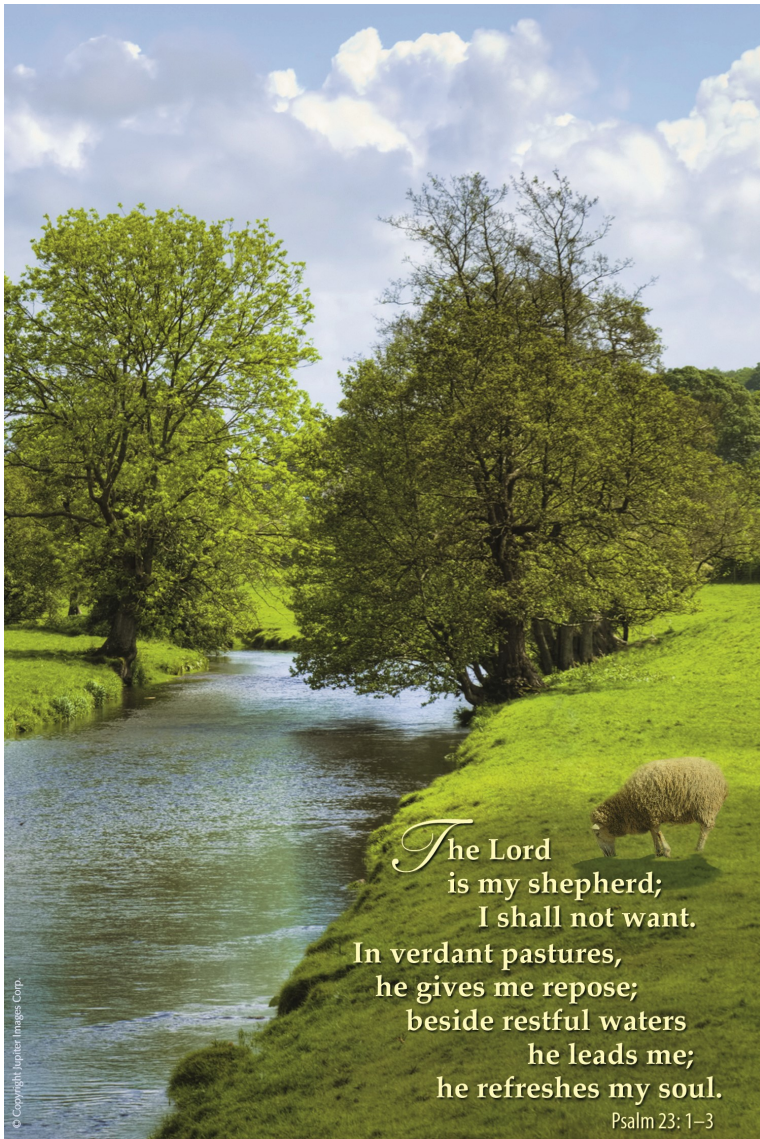
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Please Keep In Your Prayers

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For all those in the military, serving our country at home and abroad. All those suffering with illness, loneliness, mental illness and those who are helping them. All those who are making extra efforts to be of service to their family, friends and community. For a clear path in our troubled times.



*The Lord
is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
In verdant pastures,
he gives me repose;
beside restful waters
he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.*

Psalm 23: 1-3

Stewardship

St. Anastasia

Total Contributions for:
July 11, 2021

Contribution Budget 2021-2022	\$847,550
July 11 Contributions	\$11,968
Total Contributions YTD	\$28,604
Total Budget YTD	\$16,299
Average weekly given in 2020-21	\$12,465
Average weekly needed during 2021-22 to make budget	\$16,299
Average weekly needed for remaining 52 week to make budget	\$16,055

Capital Campaign

Pledges Received	\$1,505,332
Contributions Received	\$683,048
Fund balance	\$487,625.30

DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL

<u>St A's</u>	Parish	
Goal	Total rec'd	Portion
\$50,517	\$49,772	\$9,954
<u>St B's</u>		
\$3,999	\$4,425	\$885

TRY ONLINE GIVING AT ST A'S!

Online Giving is a secure way to give to the parish. Manage your account and donations by computer, tablet, or smart phone. Go to www.stanastasia.net, and click on the Online Giving icon to find out more. You can download the free App in the App Store, Google Play Store, or go to OLGapp.com. Register by entering

Prayer For a New Bishop

Almighty God, who by the Holy Spirit moves the hearts of Your people, direct the councils of those who are appointed to choose a bishop for the Diocese of New Ulm, that we may be given a pastor who in faithfulness and wisdom shall lead Your people in the way of holiness.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

General Information

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at 3pm on Saturday at St. Anastasia or by appointment.

Marriages

Contact the Area Faith Office at least 6 months in advance of the planned wedding date. Couples complete a premarital inventory and are required to attend an approved pre-marriage program.

Baptisms

Contact Fr Paul Wolf, 320-587-6507, to schedule a baptism and the necessary preparation. The pre-Baptism program helps parents take an active role in their child's Baptism. It provides reflection and instructions for parents as they assume their new responsibility as the primary teachers of their child.

Hospital Visitation

If you, or anyone you know, is hospitalized or ill at home, notify the Area Faith Office to arrange for visitation.

Prayer Requests

You may list your prayer intentions in the Book of Communal Prayer in the Eucharistic Chapel.

Prayer Chain

St. A's has a prayer chain that prays for any needs you have. Anyone can call with a prayer request, and anyone can be a part of the prayer chain. If you would like to participate or ask for prayer support, call Janet Hall at 320-455-7927 email 3furballmom@gmail.com.

New Parishioners

Please register! Call or stop by the Area Faith Office.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation)

Considering becoming fully Catholic? Call Fr Paul Wolf, 320-587-6507.

Coffee Sales

Coffee from San Lucas, Guatemala is available in the Area Faith Office during business hours. Cost is \$10 per bag.

Area Bulletin Deadline

Tuesdays, 12pm, at St. Anastasia.

KC Picnic Shelter Rental at St. A's

Call Mark Lewandowski, 320-583-0357.

Adoration Hotline

For the latest changes to the Adoration

Area Faith Community Leadership

STA Administrative Council

Chair: Jim Fahey

usually meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month
July 20, 7pm St Anastasia parish office

STB Administrative Council

Chair: Mark Maiers

TBA, 9am St Boniface church basement

Cemetery Committee

Chair: Jeff Lehn

TBA, 3pm St Anastasia parish office

School Advisory Committee

Chair: Jason Jennissen

usually meets on the 1st Tuesday each month
August 3, 7pm St Anastasia hospitality area

Home & School Association

Chair: Gina Jennissen

TBA, 6:30pm St Anastasia library

Worship & Outreach Committee

TBA, 7pm St Anastasia parish office

Maintenance Committee

TBA 5pm St Anastasia parish office

Social Concerns Committee

TBA, 6pm St Anastasia parish office

STA Council of Catholic Women

TBA, 10am St Anastasia hosp. kitchen

STB Council of Catholic Women

TBA, 6pm St Boniface basement

Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight: Mark Maiers

August 4, 7:30pm St Anastasia cafeteria

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